

App. No. 09/814,415  
Amendment Dated April 17, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of March 16, 2006

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application and stand rejected by the Office Action dated December 16, 2004. The Office Action dated March 16, 2006 states that the reply filed on December 28, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. No new matter has been added by this response.

The Office Action stated that the reply filed December 28, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the inventive entity failed to provide a proper response to the requested information. The Office Action characterizes the applicants' response as "The declaration shows that there is no evidence the public was present at an alleged presentation concerning Exhibit A." The Office Action also asserts that the exhibit presented during the presentation also likewise fails to provide evidence excluding any member of the general public during the alleged presentation.

Applicants point out the declaration characterizes the audience in several ways. In the second paragraph, an applicant attested the slides were prepared for an internal design review meeting for an audience consisting of F5 employees. Furthermore, the applicant attested that he was unaware of any reason why the material would have been disclosed to anyone not employed by F5 except under NDA, which excludes disclosure to members of the general public. Additionally, the applicant has no recollection of anyone other than those employed by F5, or covered under NDA, attending any meeting where the slides were handed out or shown. Accordingly, applicant has no present recollection that any member of the general public was present at the presentation.

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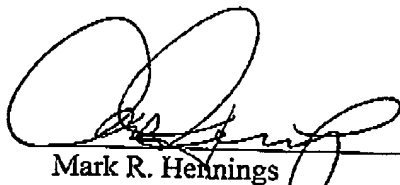
The presentation was apparently made on or around February 18, 1999, which is more than seven years ago. Understandably, the applicants cannot remember or document every person in attendance at the meeting due to the passage of time, standard business practices, and the nature of human memory. Accordingly, applicants have no evidence that members of the general public were present at the meeting and thus the information required to be submitted is unknown and/or not readily available. Applicants request acceptance of the Declaration by Robert G. Gilde to be a complete reply because any reply to a requirement for information that states either that the information required to be submitted is unknown to or is not readily available to the party or parties from which was requested may be accepted as a complete reply. 37 CFR §1.105(a)(4).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicants at the telephone number provided below.

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